

2652
51

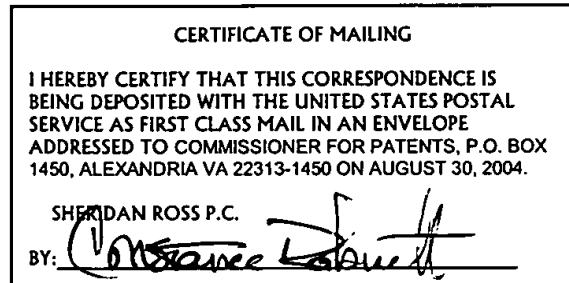
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/049,179
Applicant : Fujikawa et al.
Filed : 8 February 2002
TC/A.U. : 2652
Examiner : Julie Watko

Confirmation No. 7859

Docket No. : 3688ME-34
Customer No. : 22442

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450



AMENDMENT

Sir,

This Response is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed 28 June 2004 (Paper No. 8).
This response is filed within the two month shortened statutory period. Applicants therefore believe this response is timely filed and no fees are due. In the event any fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

RECEIVED

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

SEP 09 2004

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 8 of this paper.

Technology Center 2600

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including corrected drawings is attached following page 11 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: